

# U.S. Coast Guard Heritage

1800

1900

## Steamboat Inspection Service

1837  
Explosion on the steamboat Pataki.

7 July 1838  
Service to provide "better security" for steamships was established (5 Stat., 304).

30 August 1852  
Steamboat Act (10 Stat., L. 1852).

27 April 1865  
Sulphur exploded.

14 February 1903  
Bureau of Navigation and the Steamship Inspection Service were transferred to Department of Commerce and Labor (22 Stat., L. 825).

15 June 1904  
General Simon died.

30 June 1902  
Steamboat Inspection Service and Bureau of Navigation combined (47 Stat., L. 415).

## Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection

30 June 1932  
Steamboat Inspection Service and Bureau of Navigation combined (47 Stat., L. 415).

September 1934  
Morro Castle.

27 May 1936  
Public Law 622 changed to Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation (48 Stat., L. 1360).

1935  
Mohawk.

## Bureau of Navigation

5 July 1864  
Bureau of Navigation established (22 Stat., L. 116).

14 February 1903  
Bureau of Navigation and the Steamship Inspection Service transferred to Department of Commerce and Labor (32 Stat., L. 825).

30 June 1902  
Steamboat Inspection Service and Bureau of Navigation combined (47 Stat., L. 415).

## Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation

27 May 1936  
Public Law 622 changed to Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation (48 Stat., L. 1360).

28 February 1942  
Executive Order 8083 and Executive Order 8083 and Executive Order 8083 on Plan No. 2, December 1940, transferred to USCG.

16 July 1946  
Executive Order 9666, USCG returned to Treasury Department.

## U.S. Coast Guard

28 January 1915  
Life Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service combined to form the Coast Guard (38 Stat., L. 800).

## U.S. Revenue Cutter Service

1797-1801  
Quasi-War with France.

12 June 1813  
Surveyor in Narcissus engagement.

31 August 1819  
Louisiana and Alabama captured.

1831  
Gallatin ordered to cruise for persons in distress.

1832-1833  
Nullification Crisis.

1832  
Timber Reserve Act.

1846-1848  
Mexican War.

1861-1865  
Civil War.

13 April 1861  
USRC Harriet Lane first the first naval ship of the Civil War.

3 May 1865  
Bear transferred to the Revenue Cutter Service.

1867  
US purchased Alaska. Bering Sea Patrol began shortly thereafter.

1880  
First shipment of reindeer to Alaska from Siberia.

1898  
Spanish-American War.

1 May 1898  
USRC Hudson at Cardenas Bay, Cuba.

14 April 1912  
RMS Titanic sank, led to the International Ice Patrol.

18 March 1908  
USRC Service commissioned.

11 May 1908  
USRC Hudson at Cardenas Bay, Cuba.

1910  
Maritime Act of 1910.

1913  
Seneca and Miami conduct ice patrol.

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7 February 1914  
President Wilson directed the Revenue Cutter Service to train the International Ice Patrol.

## U.S. Life-Saving Service

14 August 1848  
Funds for life-saving equipment (9 Stat., L. 321, 322).

12 January 1850  
Avalanche rescue.

20 April 1871  
Congress appropriated funds for predecessor of the USLS.

1 March 1876  
Seven surfmen die in Nuova Ottavia rescue attempt.

1878  
The Lytle Gun.

10-12 Sept 1889  
Delaware rescues.

18 August 1899  
Suffman Rasmus S. Midgett rescued ten people from Priscilla.

18 June 1878  
U.S. Life-Saving Service established (20 Stat., L. 163).

11 October 1896  
Pea Island (NC) rescue.

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## U.S. Lighthouse Service

7 August 1789  
US Lighthouse Service established (1 Stat., L. 53).

1820  
First "light bear".

1821  
Development of the Fresnel lens.

1860  
Completion of Macon's Ledge Light (MA).

29 March 1869  
US Lighthouse Service transferred to USCG (53 Stat., L. 1432).

1866  
The Statue of Liberty the first electric light.

1909  
Peak of operational lighthouse stations.

15 May 1924  
Nantuxet Lightship (LV-117) struck and sank by RMS Olympic.

1 July 1939  
Lighthouse Service transferred to USCG (53 Stat., L. 1432).

1917-1918  
World War I.

June 1917  
Espionage Act.

16 August 1918  
Milo rescue.

26 September 1918  
USCGC Tampa sank by US-91.

29 January 1919  
18th Amendment.

May 1919  
NC-4 on the first trans-Atlantic flight.

28 October 1919  
Volstead Act.

1926  
First permanent Coast Guard Air Station opened at Cape May, NJ.

20-21 March 1929  
I'm Alone incident.

5 December 1933  
21st Amendment.

21 December 1936  
Icebreaking operations.

1 July 1939  
Lighthouse Service become part of USCG (53 Stat., L. 1432).

1939-1945  
World War II.

20 June 1940  
Roosevelt invoked the Espionage Act of 1917, port security mission.

11 July 1941  
Congress reconfirmed USCG military status (14 U.S.C. 1).

1 November 1941  
Executive Order 8529: USCG transferred to Navy Department.

10 December 1941  
Germany and Italy declare war on the United States.

13 June 1942  
John C. Cullen encountered four German operatives on Long Island.

1 August 1942  
USCG JAF Wagon sank U-166.

3 February 1943  
Dorchester sinking; "winchman rescue" technique.

26 June 1944  
LCDR Quentin R. Walsh found the surrender of Fort du Homel.

1 January 1946  
Executive Order 9666, USCG returned to Treasury Department.

14 October 1947  
Bermuda Sky Queen rescue.

4 August 1949  
Public Law 10207, redesignated USCG as a branch of the Armed Forces.

August 1950  
Magnuson Act.

1951  
Campeche Patrol instituted.

October 1962  
Cuban quarantine.

1964  
Barlett Act.

11 August 1966  
USCGC Point Welcome incident.

1 April 1967  
Executive Order 16741: USCG to DOT.

21 January 1969  
USCGC Point Banks action.

1973  
National Strike Force established; USCG increased interdiction efforts against the importation of narcotics.

15 December 1976  
Argo Merchant.

1980  
Marine Boatlift.

October 1983  
US invaded Grenada; USCG assisted in OPERATION URGENT FURY.

28 January 1986  
Challenger.

December 1989  
Panama.

1990-1991  
OPERATION DESERT STORM.

22 March 1917  
The first USCG aviators completed training.

6 April 1917  
USCG transferred to the Navy Department.

6 December 1917  
Mont Blanc.

16 September 1918  
Seneca attempted to save Wellington.

4 October 1918  
Coast Guardmen respond to explosion at the Morgan, NJ munitions yard.

27 April 1919  
USS James rescue.

28 August 1919  
Executive Order 3160, USCG revealed to Treasury Department.

24 March 1920  
First Coast Guard Air Station established at Morehead City, NC.

3 July 1927  
Ensign Charles L. Duke of CG-2327 captured Greyhound.

October 1933  
USCG cutters and destroyers deployed to Cuba.

22 June 1936  
Congress designated USCG to enforce US laws at sea.

23 June 1939  
Coast Guard Reserve founded.

July-September 1939  
USCGC Cayuga help evacuate Americans from Spanish Civil War.

1940  
Motorboat Act of 1940.

1941  
Coast Guard Auxiliary established.

12 September 1941  
Capture of Busko.

7 December 1941  
Pearl Harbor; US declares war on Japan.

9 May 1942  
USCGC Iconus sank U-35C.

30 June 1942  
Beach Patrol Division established.

27 September 1942  
Action near the Matanzas River; Douglas A. Munro earned the Medal of Honor.

3 January 1944  
First helicopter life-flight.

29 January 1945  
USS Sigsbee exploded off Guadalcanal.

16 April 1947  
Trest City explosion.

1949  
Public Law #738, ocean stations.

1950-1953  
Korean War.

20 October 1950  
Truman executed the Magnuson Act.

1957  
Storis, Bramble, and Spar traversed the Northwest Passage.

1960-1975  
Vietnam War.

October 1960  
Camarcos Boatlift.

1967  
Bridge administration.

9 June 1968  
LT Jack C. Rischler killed.

1972  
Port and Waterways Safety Act.

1976  
Fisheries Conservation Management Act.

1977  
Last ocean station; Tanker and Vessel Safety Act passed.

4 October 1980  
Pittsboro rescue.

20 December 1983  
The last lighthouse discontinued.

24 March 1989  
Exxon Valdez.

1990  
Oil Pollution Act (OPA 90).